(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether enquiry has been conducted into the matter; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Migration from Andaman and Nicobar Islands

2662. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take steps to stop migration of people from the mainland in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also proposed to introduce "Permit System" for tourists visiting Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the primitive tribes including Jawars, Onges and Thesectineles are facing extinction; and

(f) if so, the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d). The problem of uncontrolled growth of population of the Government for some time. A Sub-Group constituted at the instance of the Island Development Authority - a high powered problem in 1987-88 had not recommended any legal measures to contain uncontrolled influx of population. However, any such decision would require detailed examination of various factors including the legal and constitutional ones, in consulation with other Central Ministries.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Illegal Immigrants from Bangladesh

2663. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh apprehended on the Indo-Bangladesh border during 1991, sector-wise, and

(b) the number of such immigrants pushed back into Bangladesh and those handed over to the local authorities for legal action during the above period, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) 61,888 illegal immigrants from Bangladesh were apprehended on the Indo-Bangladesh Border during 1991. The Sector-wise breakup is given below:-

Calcutta	52626
Krishnanagar	2902
Malda	1419
Kishanganj	334
Siliguri	477
Cooch Behar	776
Guwahati	62
Shillong	377